

Request for 2-Month Extension Under Rule 136(a)

Applicants respectfully petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents for a two month extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136(a). Please charge the following fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723:

37 CFR § 1.17(a)(2) - Extension within second month.

Amendment**In the Specification**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 24, line 30 of the specification as shown in Attachment A, where markings are provided to show the changes being made. A clean version of the amended paragraph is provided in Attachment B. The amendment corrects a plain error in transposing two numerals of the patent number. Note that the original (erroneous) number (3,648,348) issued to Freimuth on an “arrangement for retaining a closing or support member in a cylindrical housing”, whereas the corrected number 3,684,348 issued to Rowland on “retroreflective material”. No new matter has been added.

In the Claims

Please add new claims 10-22 as provided in Attachment C, where the new claims are shown in clean format. For convenience, the previously pending claims are also shown in the attachment.

Election with Traverse

Applicants elect species (1), with traverse.

Traverse is based on the fact that the alleged “species” are not species at all, since they do not define specifically different embodiments. Stated differently, embodiments can be found that have each and every element of all three alleged species. See, for example, in connection with FIG. 9, the figure itself (showing rows of rectangular cube corner elements formed on working surfaces of each of the laminae, and an array of cube corner elements where at least one cube corner element of the array is rectangular and has at least one pentagonal face), angular